



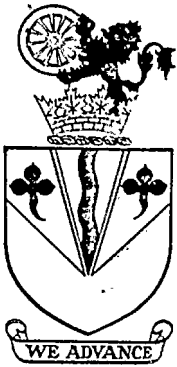
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CORPORATION of the TOWN OF STRATHROY

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9 December, 1985

Mr. John White
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Dear Mr. White:

RE: DESIGNATION OF AN ARCHITECTURAL STRUCTURE

This is to inform you that at the December 2, 1985 Meeting of Council, Bylaw No. 61-85 was adopted by Council. Bylaw No. 61-85 designates 84 Oxford Street (Strathroy-Middlesex Museum) of historic and architectural value. A copy is enclosed for your attention.

It is our understanding that this designation makes this municipality eligible for funding from The Ontario Heritage Foundation to assist in restoration of this structure.

Would you kindly forward to us the necessary application forms so that we may proceed with this matter without delay.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly

V. M. Tait, A.M.C.T.
Clerk

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cc: Susanne Myers, Ministry of Citizenship and Culture
Virginia Lansing, Curator, Strathroy Middlesex Museum
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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF STRATHROY

BYLAW NO. 61-85

A BYLAW TO DESIGNATE 84 OXFORD STREET (STRATHROY-MIDDLESEX MUSEUM) OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE

WHEREAS pursuant to The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.). 1980, Chapter 337, the Council of a municipality may by bylaw designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of historic or architectural value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as the Strathroy Middlesex Museum, 84 Oxford Street, Strathroy, Ontario having been duly published and served, no notice of objection was received to such designation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Strathroy, as follows:

1. THAT there is designated as being of historic and architectural value or interest the real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, known as Strathroy Middlesex Museum, 84 Oxford Street, Strathroy, Ontario, for the reasons set out in Schedule "A" hereto.
2. THAT the Town Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be registered upon the title to the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. THAT the Town Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this bylaw to be published in the Strathroy Age Dispatch, and to enter the description of the aforesaid property, the name and address of its registered owner and short reasons for its designation in the Register of all properties designated under The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980.
4. THAT this bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of its final passing hereof.

Read a FIRST time this 2nd day of December, 1985.

Read a SECOND time this 2nd day of December, 1985.

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED in Open Council this 2nd day of December, 1985.

Mayor

Clerk

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SCHEDULE "A"

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Strathroy, in the County of Middlesex and being composed of Concession 5, Part Lot 22, Plan 189, Lot 4 to 7, known as Municipal Number 84 Oxford Street, Strathroy, Ontario.

84 Oxford Street, "Murray House" ("Strathroy Middlesex Museum")

Architectural Reasons

Erected in 1871 for William Hay Murray (1836-1930), a prominent local merchant, 84 Oxford Street remains among Strathroy's finest examples of Italianate architecture. This large two storey white brick mansion evinces many of the typical characteristics of the style. These include a basic cube shape, a low-pitched hip roof with cast iron cresting at its peak (now removed), generous overhanging eaves supported by ornamental paired brackets, and four tall decorative brick chimneys (also now removed).

The three bay elevation is accentuated by shallow brick arcading. Brick molding frames the formerly shuttered tall narrow sash windows and the main centre door and "suicide door" of the second storey. The segmental window openings of the second storey contrast with the round window openings of the first storey, thereby introducing interest and variety to what is otherwise a very symmetrical design. The recessed panelled centre door is framed by ..panelled reveals and surrounded by sidelights and a multi-arched transom filled with stained and etched glass, some panes of which are missing. The columned porch is a later addition.

The side elevations retain many of the design details of the front elevation — paired brackets, differing window openings, brick arcading (on the north elevation only). A two storey brick wing with a double bay was added to the north elevation early in the century.

Stepping back from the rear of the main house is a two storey block attached to which is a one storey brick simmer kitchen.

The interior is arranged on the centre hall plan. Rooms of note are the north parlour and dining room, both to the right of the centre hall. The north parlour features a coved ceiling and deeply molded baseboards and door frames; the carved wood fireplace is enhanced by a decorative cast iron grate. A heavy molded wide arch separates the north parlour from the dining room which, similarly, has deeply molded baseboards and door frames; a stained glass window (of later vintage) lights the room.